

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1131
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CONVERSION OF VANGRAMS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from some of the State Governments for converting forest villages/ vangrams into the revenue villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, 73 proposals from 6 states in the country for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages under the provisions of the Forest (Conversion) Act, 1980, were received. Out of these, 16 proposals have been accorded approval. The remaining 57 proposals are either pending with the State Governments or returned or closed for want of information. As the de-reservation of forest land is restrained by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the State/UT Governments have been advised to approach the Court for its permission.